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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether Harijan Christians are included in this scheme? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. Certain categories of converts to Christianity from the Scheduled Castes are included."

Opening of an Agricultural Farm at Srikakulam.

* 137 Q.—SRI V. P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri G. Latchanna): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any site was selected for an Agricultural Farm in the newly formed district of Srikakulam; and

(*b*) if so, where and when the Farm will be opened?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the existing Farms are in any way doing useful work for the farmers and if so in what ways? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, I refer my hon. Friend to the report of the Agricultural Department. I will say that the Agricultural Department Farms have done very good work. They could have done better work, but I will say that they have done very good work. They have produced some varieties of sugarcane which have put India on the map. They have also produced some varieties of paddy which are giving a much larger yield than we had ever before. They have done many other things like that, and I think, I am right in saying, that they are doing good work for the farmers."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In view of the statement that the Agricultural Farms are doing good work I want to know why the Hon. Minister has not selected a site for opening an Agricultural Farm in the district of Srikakulam."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is already an Agricultural Farm in Anakapalle in the old undivided Visakhapatnam district. But there are still some problems in Srikakulam district which can be taken up. There has been a recommendation by the Expert Committee on opening new agricultural farms but no proposals have been placed before the Government this year."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that agriculture is the main industry of our country, will the Government consider the question of opening agricultural research farms in every taluk headquarters, and as there are no such agricultural farms in Chingleput district, will the Government also take steps to open one in that district? "

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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means by ' an agricultural farm for each taluk '."

SRI K. VEERANNA PADAL :—" కొండ జాతుల ప్రజలకోసం విశాఖ పట్టణం జిల్లాలోని ఏజన్సీ ప్రాంతాలలో Agricultural Farm open చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is no need to open one specially for hill tribes."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, whether in the Agricultural Research Station at Anakapalle, there is plenty of dissatisfaction among the workers employed there because they are ill-paid? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" This question does not arise out of the main question."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" Will the Government consider the question of opening an agricultural farm in Pathapatnam taluk where extensive lands are available? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that T.M.V. 3 groundnuts are not giving as good a yield as the ordinary groundnuts? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether any of these agricultural research stations carry out research in the quality of tobacco also? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Taking care of young children of prisoners.

* 138 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state— 11-1 a.m.

(a) whether there are any existing schemes of Government under which dependants especially young children or babies of those who are sentenced to imprisonment are taken care of and whether in the case of babies and young children they are allowed the company of their mother;

(b) when a guardian, care-taker or mother of a young child is executed, do Government take care of the child under any welfare scheme; and

(c) whether there is any provision in sub-jails and Central Jails for the inmates thereof to practise the forms of worship their religion might enjoin?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) & (b) Under the rules, young children or babies of female convicts, who are below six years of age, are admitted into jails and